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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A TIER I OPERATING PERMIT

PROPOSED ACTION: In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.364, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public comment period and opportunity for a public hearing for The United States Air Force, Mountain Home Air Force Base, located eight miles southwest of Mountain Home, Idaho, off State Route 67, under docket No. AQ-0814. DEQ proposes to issue Tier I operating permit No. T1-2007.0041.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY:</u> An opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before May 23, 2008. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: The application materials, the proposed permit and Statement of Basis are available for public review on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.idaho.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Shelley Lundstedt, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, shelley.lundstedt@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information. All information regarding this matter, current and future, including the issuance of the final permit and Statement of Basis will be available on DEQ's website. You may elect to sign on to DEQ's list serve and receive electronic information automatically at http://www.deq.idaho.gov

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Shawnee Chen at (208) 373-0502 or shawnee.chen@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comments concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MST/MDT, June 6, 2008.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2008.

Shelley Lundstedt Air Quality Division